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Date:

Class:

Speech Assignment

Directions: You will prepare and present a persuasive speech based on a few different topic options. The speech should demonstrate and reflect your understanding of **ethos/pathos/logos**, and it should persuade the audience to agree with your argument.

Choose one of the three speech options below and complete the outline for your speech. You will then transfer the notes from your speech onto note cards, practice your speech several times, and present it to the class.

SPEECH OPTION A -- *Literature-Based Question #1*

If you choose this topic, you will answer the question written at the bottom of this box. You must use evidence from the text you choose to support your response.

Question: The major theme of our literature for 7th grade English is, *What do I stand for? What influences what I stand for?* What is a book that you have read that deals with that theme? It does not need to be a book you have read in class. Explain how it deals with that theme using evidence from that book.

SPEECH OPTION B -- *Literature-Based Question #2*

If you choose this topic, you will answer the question written at the bottom of this box. You must use evidence from the text(s) to support your response.

Question: *Which of our class texts was the most interesting to read this year and why?*

SPEECH OPTION C -- *OTHER*

If you choose this topic, you will write a speech about a topic that is unrelated to our material from this year. Some of these topics may involve or require some research while others may not. **The list of "other" topics is on the back of this page.**

If you have another topic that is not on this list that you would like to pursue, please speak to Mr. Green.

OTHER TOPICS

Remember: These topics may require additional research in order to make the speech as persuasive as possible and earn full credit on the assignment.

- Do **school uniforms** positively or negatively influence a student's **academic and social performance** in school? Why?
- Should **schools be required** to provide **healthy lunches** to its students? Why or why not?
- Should there be a minimum **age requirement** for **purchasing some video games or movies**? Why or why not?
- Should the 7th grade attend **Echo Hill** for **longer than three days**?
- Do **cell phones negatively or positively** affect our ability or willingness **to communicate** with one another?
- Should the **government** be allowed to **read any emails and text messages** you receive if the government believes it will **help keep its citizens safe**?
- Should **tech companies** like Facebook be able to **sell its users' data** to other companies?
- Should **professional athletes, actors, or musicians** be seen as **role models** to young people?
- Which **team** is the **best** in the NBA/NHL/NFL/MLB/MLS/etc? OR **Which player is the best** in those leagues?
- Should **students be required** to earn and maintain **specific academic requirements** in order to **compete on a sports team**? (For instance, students at Latin must have a 2.0 GPA to compete on a sports team.)
- Should **schools start school later** and end later in the day? (*Note: You cannot argue they should start later and end earlier!*)
- Should **radio and television** be forced to censor (take out cursing, extra violence, etc.) what goes on the air?
- Should **advertising** to children be banned?
- Should **schools** be required to **take a standardized test** (like PARCC) to **measure progress**?
- Topic of your choice: *Remember -- You can choose your **own** topic as well. You just need to run it by Mr. Green for approval.*